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SUBJECT

Report re informations, concerning Germans
received from Knöller.

Names connected:

Nielsen

Heuss Veckel & Schreuders.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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Yangtzepoo Station.
19th March 1917

REPORT ON The Watch on the premises of Hoebel + Schroeder
No 33 Ward Road

Made by D.S. Knight

Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir.

I beg to report that the watch on the above mentioned premises have been continued since my last report on the 10th inst. but nothing important occurred. On the morning of the 17th 2 wheelbarrows each containing two boxes ^{etc} was despatched to No 37 Nanjing Road. To-day a handcart loaded with 4 boxes was taken into the above mentioned premises, while two wheelbarrow loads was despatched to No 37 Nanjing Road.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently

J Knight

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February 23,

Sir Everard D.H. Fraser, K.C.M.G.,
H.E.A.'s Consul-General,
Shanghai.

My dear Sir Everard,

Confidential

With reference to my letter to you of February 20, I have to inform you that Detective Sub-Inspector Cruickshank reports that he met Kindler again at about 7-30 p.m. on February 22 on the Broadway not far from his residence.

Kindler repeated the story which he gave on a former date, and added that the Germans are busily manufacturing bombs, shells and high explosives at the godown of Voelkel & Schroeder, 83 Ward Road.

The Detective Sub-Inspector saw an official of the German Consulate in the vicinity of Kindler's house before the conversation took place, and he believes that he was there for the purpose of watching Kindler.

I am having Voelkel & Schroeder's godown watched and will let you know the result.

I do not attach a very great deal of importance to this report, although I feel bound to investigate it.

Yours sincerely,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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POLICE FORCE,
(DETECTIVE BRANCH.)

Shanghai Municipal Council.

February 23rd 1917.

Sir, Detective Sub Inspector Cruickshank reports that he met Kindler again at about 7.30 p.m. on February 22nd on the Broadway Road not far from his residence.

Kindler repeated the story which he gave (and of which a report was made) on a former date and added that the Germans were now busily manufacturing bombs, shells and high explosives at the godown of Messrs Voelkel & Schroder No. 83 Ward Road.

The Detective Sub Inspector saw an official of the German Consulate in the vicinity of Kindler's house before the conversation took place and he believes that he was there for the purpose of watching Kindler.

Your Obedient Servant,

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Chief Detective Inspector.

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Captain Superintendent of Police.

See to Mr. B. J. ...

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL 24/2/17

SHANGHAI.

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My dear McEwen,

Many thanks for the report which I return after taking a copy.

K. came to see me some time ago wishful to enter our employment. Our folk, however, distrust him too much. He is very hard up, he says, & ready to serve any paymaster.

I doubt his story as the enemy knows the inevitable end of resistance, but it might be worth while to look round a bit. My own idea is that they trust rather to bribes to prevent any stringent measures on the part of China. Still it is as well that our



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Shanghai Municipal Council.

February 20th

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No. 940
Date 2/27/17

Sir,

D.S.I. Cruickshank reports that he met Kindler at about 7 p.m. on Feb'y 19th who invited him to come into an alleyway off Huakee Road where he told him a story to the following effect and declared with many oaths that it was absolutely correct and true.

He commenced informing the Detective Sub Inspector that he had been dismissed from the Austrian Volunteer Coy and had been prohibited from entering the German Club and continued by saying that a few days ago the Germans in Shanghai had held a meeting in the latter establishment where they decided to defend to the last all their concessions in China and all their property in Shanghai. Four places were mentioned as important. These were Peking, Tientsin, Hankow and Shanghai, and all Germans in these regions around had been warned to flock to the four centres within eight days of the time the warning was given.

He added that the German Volunteers and other Germans of military age were drilling daily at 5 p.m. in the grounds of the German Public School and that the officers had been selected who were to take charge of and carry out the plans formed in connection with the scheme of defence.

A box containing arms had been moved, he thought, from the German Consulate to the Club on the Bund and another similar box was lying in readiness at the Austrian Consulate.

The Germans and Austrians in Shanghai he estimated at three thousand. All valuables in offices and Banks had been removed to places of safety the whereabouts of which he did not know.

He also related the story of his arrest by the Austrian Consul and said it was caused by his having shadowed Nielsen to the Club from a wharf in Frenchtown where he received from a German Customs Officer named Bill Hanson a case containing arms of some description. When near the Club Nielson turned round suddenly and saw Kindler whom he denounced. The denunciation led

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to his arrest and trial. He defended himself on the ground he was engaged in smuggling opium and his defence was successful.

Two Indians who were staying at the Hague had been seen by Kindler coming out of the German Consulate. These Indians had already been reported to the Police. Kindler finished up by expressing the hope that he would be saved from being interned.

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. Munro

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.